

Members Present: Co-Chair, Justine Gengras, Co- Chair, Earl Bagley; Roger Burgess and David Lawrence

Others Present: Damon Burt, NHSC

Members Absent: Thomas Hoopes, Stephan McMahon, Selectman's representative.

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman Earl Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by, J. Gengras, seconded by E. Bagley to amend to include under Commissioner Reports: Land list for BCCD, Lisa Cacassio, GPS units, Monitoring – Hans Beaman, and Town Forest.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from June 9, 2005 meeting.

Motion made by D. Lawrence, seconded by J. Gengras to approve the minutes from June 9, 2005 motion carried with all in favor.

Presentations:

1. Damon Burt, NHSC – Representing Hank Brandt , Map 36 Lot 29. Standard Dredge and Fill Application to re-channel a seasonal stream and construct a retaining wall along the stream bank.

Discussion:

1. Damon Burt explained the wetlands application - Brandt would like to reinforce the foundation with a retaining wall and back fill. They would also like to shift the stream away from the house. They are proposing that 6ft be back-filled up to the sill and take the trees down. Natural rock is being proposed for the retaining wall. Commissioners noted that: The proposed project falls within the 150 ft reference line of the NH Protection Act the plan doesn't even show trees. The application does not include cross-sections for the retaining wall, per NHWB Rules. The Alton Building inspector has inspected the building foundation, notes cracks in the concrete and recommends an inspection by a structural engineer. Piling fill against the foundation, if unstable, may cause it to collapse. The Commissioners don't feel this is the least environmentally impacting alternative. The Commissioners will draft a letter and include the Building Inspectors comments.

Motion made by E. Bagley for J. Gengras to draft comment letter including the preceding comments, seconded by D. Lawrence. Motion carried all in favor.

Standard Dredge and Fill:

1. Roger Burgess – Map 21A Lot 3, Install a 30'X11'2" canopy and 3 pilings to support one side, the other side to be supported by existing piling dock.

Discussion:

R. Burgess stepped down. Commissioners discussed, reviewed, and decided to send standard letter of no objection.

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by D. Lawrence. Motion carried all in favor. R. Burgess stepped back in. T. Hoopes joins the meeting.

2. Ann Miller – Map 51 Lot 15, Repair by replacement of (2) 27.9' permanent timber crib piers.

Discussion:

Commissioner's discussed, reviewed, and decided to send a standard letter of no objection.

Motion made by J. Gengras to send standard letter of no objection, seconded by D. Lawrence

Motion carried all in favor.

3. Dorothy Houle – Map 45 Lot 2, Construct a 6'X30' piling dock on 6 piling with stairs to the height of the land. Install (4) fender with 2 on each side of the dock and (1) ice cluster.

Discussion:

Commissioners discussed, reviewed, and decided to send a letter of no objection with the condition that the dock be a seasonal due to no high wind and wave action.

Motion made by J. Gengras to send standard letter of no objection with the condition that the dock be seasonal due to no high wind and wave action, and seconded by R. Burgess. Motion carried all in favor.

4. David Livingston – Map 56 Lots 38, 39, 40, 41, Remove 620 sq ft of fill, maintain 120 sq ft of fill, install 120 ft culvert with catch basin and clean culvert area with a 270 sq ft impact, stabilize and re-vegetate all disturbed wetlands area.

Discussion:

T. Hoopes stepped down.

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by R. Burgess for E. Bagley to call Darlene Forst at DES before a comment letter is drafted. T. Hoopes stepped back in.

5. Harmony Park – Map 33 Lot 84, upgrade and replenish an existing non-tidal beach through the construction of a perched beach.

Discussion:

Commissioners discussed, reviewed, and decided that they had no objection to the concept of a perched beach, however they do have a concern with the culverts draining adequately to prevent run-off and regarding Bay Hill Road directly entering the swim area.

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by R. Burgess for E. Bagley to contact the Highway Department regarding adequate drainage for Harmony Park. Motion carried all in favor.

Permit by Notification:

1. Wetlands Education Boardwalk B&M Railroad Park – Depot Street, Downtown Revitalization Project.

Discussion:

Commissioner reviewed, discussed, and acknowledged receipt of notification.

Notification of Routine Roadway Maintenance Activities

None at this time

Commissioner Reports:

1. Land List BCCD

Discussion:

J. Gengras mentioned that the Town Assessor, Tom Sargent, gave her the land list and made address labels for the BCCD and that the Commissioners should send a thank you letter.

2. Lisa Cacassio

Discussion:

J. Gengras spoke with Ms. Cacassio and recommended she speak with the state DES department regarding State jurisdiction along the lake-front.

3. GPR Units

Discussion:

D. Lawrence checked into GPS Units for the Commission and the units range from about \$150 and up. UNH has ones for loan but there is a several day workshop that needs to be taken first. The Commission has the funds but it is a matter of which account to take the funds out of. D. Lawrence did find one for \$182, the mapping software is around \$100, and the program would also need an adaptor cable.

Motion made by T. Hoopes and seconded by E. Bagley for D. Lawrence to speak with the Town Administrator on which account to take the funds out of and whether or not any other departments would have a use for the unit.

4. Hans (Claus) Biemann – Alton Bay Monitor

Discussion:

E. Bagley reports that Mr. Biemann is no longer the Alton Bay Monitor for Lay Lake Monitoring. E. Bagley received a call and was asked if he knew of anyone to be the next Bay Monitor and he recommended Paul Richardson.

Other Business:

1. Prospect Mountain High School – Monitoring Report

Discussion:

Commissioners acknowledged receipt of monitoring report.

2. LCIP – Contact informational sheet

Discussion:

Commissioners noted receipt of contact informational sheet, E. Bagley will be the first contact and J. Gengras will be the second contact.

3. Terry Weinhold - complaint

Discussion:

Commissioners were asked by the Building inspector to do a site inspection at the Weinhold residence to check the docks, a complaint was also filed by a neighbor to DES.

Motion made by J. Gengras seconded by R. Burgess for E. Bagley to contact DES regarding this matter.

4. Clough Merrill

Discussion:

T. Hoopes was reminded to draft letter regarding the Clough Merrill easement.

Adjournment:

Motion made by D. Lawrence seconded by R. Burgess to adjourn the meeting at 10:07pm, motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin
Secretary to the Conservation Commission